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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A biometric authentication system comprising:

a mobile storage device; and

a reader/writer for reading/writing information from/into said mobile storage device.

wherein said reader/writer comprises:

a biological information input device which inputs biological information,